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## Media Advisory

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### **Voice of Calvary Ministries will celebrate the sale of their first newly constructed home in West Jackson**

**WHO:** Voice of Calvary Ministries, NeighborWorks America, BankPlus, City of Jackson and the Umbrella of Churches of California

**WHEN & WHERE:** Friday, October 3, 2008, 11:00 a.m., 1441 Central Street, Jackson, Mississippi

**WHAT:** Voice of Calvary Ministries will dedicate and celebrate the sale of their first new home construction in Jackson, Mississippi. While VOCM has rehabbed over 370 homes in the west Jackson area, the endeavor to become a developer was launched by their successful new construction of the Victory Park subdivision in McComb, Mississippi of which NeighborWorks America and the Umbrella of Churches of California were the major collaborators and funders. Victory Park was developed after Hurricane Katrina for victims of the storm.

“We invite our friends and neighbors to help us unveil the beginning of a major revitalization project on and around Central Street,” says Erma Driver, President/CEO of Voice of Calvary Ministries. “Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cohen are the first to purchase one of eight homes scheduled to be constructed in the area.” Speakers for this celebration include Bishop Kevin Wright, Word of Faith Christian Center and Wes Miller, Management Consultant, NeighborWorks America.” Other partners will also offer comments.

Interested homeowners or volunteers may call Voice of Calvary Ministries at 601-969-3088 or visit the website, [www.vocm.org](http://www.vocm.org) and send an email message. Homebuyer workshops will be provided.

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*Voice of Calvary Ministries, through Affordable Housing Construction, Housing Services, and Volunteerism has rehabbed over 370 homes, built the 16 unit Victory Park Subdivision for residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina, and offers financial counseling to hundreds of families. This counseling helps them improve their credit situations, giving them an opportunity to purchase a home and remain in that home. “We have only had one default in our years of service to the community.”*

*NeighborWorks America creates opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities by providing access to homeownership and to safe and affordable rental housing. To date, we have assisted nearly 850,000 low- to moderate-income families with their housing needs. Much of our success is achieved through our support of the NeighborWorks network — more than 230 community development*

*organizations working in 4,400 urban, suburban and rural communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In the last five years, NeighborWorks organizations have generated more than \$12.4 billion in reinvestment in these communities. NeighborWorks America is the nation's leading trainer of community development and affordable housing professionals. [www.nw.org](http://www.nw.org).*

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